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To the Honorable Speaker and Members, The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval, House Bill No. 1232 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to clarifying the ability of Washington state patrol officers to engage in private law enforcement off-duty employment in plainclothes for private benefit."

The Senate forwarded an identical companion bill, Senate Bill 5267, to the Governor's Office on April 15, 2005. I signed that bill into law on April 21, 2005. House Bill 1232, therefore, must be vetoed.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1232 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O. Gregoire Governor